

## **Maple Grove City Council work session**

### **meeting minutes**

**August 21, 2023**

#### **Call to order**

Pursuant to call and notice thereof, a City Council work session was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, August 7, 2023 at the Maple Grove Government Center/Public Safety Facility, Hennepin County, Minnesota. Present was Mayor Mark Steffenson, and Councilmembers Judy Hanson, Kristy Barnett, Kristy Janigo, and Rachelle Johnson. Absent was none. Present also was City Administrator Heidi Nelson, Chief of Police Eric Werner, Fire Chief Tim Bush, Finance Director Greg Sticha, Parks and Recreation Director Chuck Stifter, Community and Economic Development Director Joe Hogeboom, Public Works Director/City Engineer Ken Ashfeld, Human Resources Director Krista Guzman, and City Attorney Justin Templin.

Mayor Steffenson called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

#### **2024 budget discussion**

Finance Director Sticha noted the City Council previously discussed the 2024 budget in work session on August 7, 2023. Due to time constraints at that meeting, tonight's meeting serves as a continuation of the 2024 budget discussion.

Community and Economic Development Director Hogeboom discussed Emerald Ash Borer and other tree-related diseases that are on the horizon that would be served by a city forester position. He explained the proposed city forester role would be part of the Community and Economic Development Department since one of the primary focuses of the position would be landscape and tree enforcement on commercial properties.

There was continued discussion on the Police Department's CSO structure and the request for part time CSO positions to become benefit earning, in addition to earning the same hourly rate of pay as full time CSO's. This change would assist with retaining those part time positions as well as assist with recruitment for patrol officers.

Director Guzman talked briefly about the request for an increase in the Human Resources Department budget for professional services and software increase in 2024.

Finance Director Sticha then discussed a few of the other state legislative changes including Public Safety Funding, the Juneteenth holiday, earned sick and safe time and paid family medical leave.

City Council indicated they would need additional work session time to further discuss the 2024 budget.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Steffenson at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Nelson  
City Administrator